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## AMACHEWER

MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB, INC.

### A N I N V I T A T I O N

Dear Fellow Amateur:

The Indianapolis Radio Club, Inc. asks you for your support. We feel that at least 90% of the local licensed hams are of the high type that will be proud to help support a club in this locality and we admit our fault in not making known the facts and inviting them to take part. After all there is something more in being a ham than just getting on the air and gassing away time. STOP AND GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT! Now - don't you think the fellowship that you can build up for yourself with the others in the gang at the club is more than worth the small sum and effort that it requires?

The Indianapolis Radio Club has enjoyed more than a quarter century of activity, now we feel that we can offer more than ever before inasmuch as we have nice quarters, two transmitters on the air and all the freedom any ham could desire. The club rooms and transmitters are available to all paid up members at any hour of the day or night. On Friday night at 8:30pm each week we have our regular meetings, at which time you can get together with other hams. If for any reason you feel that you don't care to attend the meeting you can retire to one of the other rooms and carry on a rag chew with anyone who might feel the same. We have found that it is impossible to please all members at all times with our meetings due to the wide difference in opinions, but we are still trying. Come out - visit with us and see how you like it, then, if you feel that you care to join up and offer your suggestions and support to improve the club, we will certainly welcome you.

It has been called to our attention that some have felt that the cost of joining the club would be too high for them, but in each case when the unbelievable small sum was made known they presented their application. If you don't know the cost, ask one of the boys - then if you don't fill out an application you simply don't know the value of the club. Even if you can't attend on Friday night we are sure that you can get your money's worth by coming out at other times.

There are two types of membership, resident and non-resident, ask about them, we will be glad to answer this or any question you may ask. We are proud of the Club and it is our honest desire to make all hams feel the club spirit as we do. Again we invite you to come out and see how the club is run by the members, for the members, without favoritism. You be the sole judge as to whether you can benefit by becoming one of us. We welcome constructive criticism. If you find our club is NO GOOD, tell us. If you feel as we do, tell others.

73, CUL at the Club,

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Don, W9JYP, Davis, Pres.

Installation of officers was held at the first business meeting of the month. The Death Knell was sounded on the boys that held offices last year, and the Birth Notices of the new officers was read. When the smoke cleared we found that we had two new office holders that didn't hold an office last year, BHC elected as Secretary, DSC, as the Shillock in charge of the Cold. The rest of the officers, shall we say, were Hang Overs From Last Year.

In behalf of the club we wish to say Congrats to the boys that did a fine job in putting the Club in front last year, and the Best of Luck to the new officers for the coming year, and may they do as well.

We really have a very optimistic board member in Tiny Tim Anderson, He's the boy that tries to light the filaments of a pair of T40's with 110 volts AC, and not because he is Scotch, as he has a filament transformer, it's just uncontrolled optimism.

Two proud possessors of Meissner Signal Shifters are wondering what the price of Snake in the Grasses really are, Owner #1 tells owner #2 that he bought his \$2.25 cheaper than owner #2, whereupon owner #2, looks in a recent issue of a ham catalogue and finds that Owner #1 was hooked for 90¢ more than the catalogue value. So Mr. Meissner please put the boys on the right path, and tell them what the price really is and how much they are in the hooks.

JPX had a novel experience. A family was moving in next door and before the 110 volts AC was even hooked up the new neighbor was looking for a ham in the neighborhood as he had heard his signal without a radio!!! on two pieces of wire lying side by side, it really is surprising what can be done with 7 watts input.

The Ben Davis residents have no doubt as to the political views of GSX during the recent campaign - whenever Willkie made a speech he was received without interference, when Roosevelt was on the air all they could hear was GSX testing.

Have you ever heard DYN's whistling CQ, it's a dandy.

Heard GSX putting out his handle to a DX contact - "the handle here is Lee-roy spelled L\*E\*R\*O\*Y - LaRoy. Make up your mind LeRoy."

We noticed that the Dishwater Symphony has been absent in the background at JJC's place. It has been rumored that Ester the Meat Loaf Cooker is a member of ASCAP.

It is believed that the party at YMV's New Years Eve was a success as the 160 meter band sure was plenty dead on New Years Day.

Wonder what has happened out at VPN's place, he was to be on 160 meters as soon as he got a receiver that would work on that band, he has the receiver, but still no Fritz on the Band. Gess he can't take it or sumpin.

JYP is interested in the code practice lessons on 160 meters, in fact he was caught tuning the band on Tuesday night for the Code lessons broadcast from YMV's on Thursday. Don keeps trying for DX on 160 but we found out the reason why DX don't come back to him, W8ODL was calling CQ so Don excitedly fires up the powerful 60 watts and started in to calling W8OVI, you must have their calls right before they answer Don.

The gang has been doing a mighty swell job of getting into BCL receivers the past year, as we notice quite a few older members enrolled in the code school, and they have that do or die look in their eyes and that means they are going to put a station on the air just for revenge. Good work boys, that's what keeps the Ham gang going ahead. They either study the code so they can talk with you fellows or they study it to get on the air to tell you off in your own back yard. You know they can suffer only so long before they do anything about it. So they sign the Pledge.

Wonder if a certain party is working much DX with the club Xtal? Or was it much trouble grinding it off frequency?

GSX and EJH have something in common. A gain control with two positions - one for local and the other for DX. It seems they never use the local position - or do they?

If we don't pay another cent for dues this coming year, we will have to be paid up for January and February, to get in on the first initiation ceremony and free chilli supper put on by the Club in years. So get those dues in boys. They tell me the initiation plans will really be sumpin.

If HUD's ice box holds out there is no telling what will take place.

Norris Knowsall is slowing passing on and will be a thing of the past unless we get more items from members. Do like Tiny Anderson does - write it in about yourself. If we printed everything written in by the Terrible Turk about the Terrible Turk, he would be the author and we the printer, but he has the right spirit and that's the way to get your name in print.

73's SK. N.K.

#### OFFICERS

President - Donovan M. Davis W9JYP	Vice President - Arnold K. Dickmeyer
Secretary - Paul W. Nelson W9EHC	Treas. - Wm. F. Leuth Jr W9DSC (W9JPX)
Ch. Op. - Fred Manning W9VPN	Director - Robert K. Caskey W9DNQ
Director - Ralph Anderson W9GVW	

#### CIRCULATION

This issue of AMACHEWER is going to a greatly enlarged mailing list of amateurs of Marion County. As our letter from the club president appearing in this issue states, it is our desire to more closely knit the amateurs of this section together through the medium of the club in that any problems may be solved and the group may more closely control any policies common to the ham fraternity. This section has a populace of hams greater than any within 100 miles and yet it's strength organized is not nearly so great as it should be. So it is that this organ of the Indianapolis Radio Club, Inc. is being sent to interest YOU and others in the club that you too might join and voice yourself in any matters pertaining to the amateur.

#### NEW CLUB MEMBERS

William Greatbatch and John W. Kiser are new members of the club. They were voted in during January. Welcome into this organization and may we suggest that you get it's full benefits by offering your suggestions and help in any undertaking. You are one of us.

#### COMMITTEES

Arnold, W9JPX, Dickmeyer, was appointed in charge of programs for 1941 by the president of the club.

Eats committee for initiation Feb. 7th consists of Arnold, W9JPX, Dickmeyer; Len, W9EJH, Webb; and Maurice, W9HGT, Joyce.

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To continue as editor of AMACHEWER - Bob, W9DNQ, Caskey, with Charles E. Campbell his assistant. We again thank Charles for his fb mimeographing of this paper. That same gentleman is also assisting Paul, W9BHC, Nelson with the code school and doing a darn fine job of it.

Bill, W9DSC Leuth; Ken, W9DYI, Clark; and Bob, W9DNQ, Caseky were named on the auditing committee.

Maurice, W9HGT, Joyce, has already done fb with his appointment as publicity director.

#### PAST

Jan. 3rd consisted of a business meeting and an installation of the new club officers which was conducted by M/C Jack, W9DYN, Mueller. Various committees as named elsewhere in the paper were appointed by the re-elected president Don, W9JYP, Davis. Jan. 10th Charles E. Campbell our fellow member addressed the club on the handling of the U. S. Mails by RR car. His discussion was well received and the gang was surprised to learn of the great amount of detail and work involved.

The new ARRL director Mr. Dosland spoke before the club on Sat. Jan. 11th at a special meeting of the club. He was accompanied by Mr. Phelps. Jan. 24th consisted of a club auction. Much apparatus changed hands. Substituted for Jan. 31st announced initiation was a very interesting and constructive visit through the Chevrolet Commercial Body Plant. This trip was arranged by Lon, W9EJH, Webb. He showed the Electronic control apparatus used in plant production.

#### CODE SCHOOL

The code school is in it's 4th week and at it's last meeting 46 heads were counted. Paul, W9BHC, Nelson and Charles Campbell his assistant are doing fine. The theory portion of the school has progressed to the point where Paul will begin calling on those club members named in last AMACHEWER to speak on specific radio subjects.

LeRoy, W9YMV, Waggoner continues to put code lessons on the air on 1880 KC from 7:00 to 7:30pm each Thursday evening. We wonder if several more can't help with this? See Nelson, Davis or Caskey with time and freq. so this dope can be gotten to the code school members.

#### RAMBLINGS

Jack, W9DYN, Mueller, managed to start on a new automobile (with talk) and ended up by purchasing a new ECO. How does it drive Jack? Remember not to use that gag on the purchasing department again. We have yet to hear from Yahooty over the air from Jack's place, what say dad? Abe, W9JRK, Brown liked his first trip to Florida a few months ago so well that he is making a return engagement this month. It ain't a gonna rain no mo no mo. Tiny, W9GVW Anderson and LeRoy, W9YMV, Waggoner are driving new struggle buggies; well new to them anihow. Don J., W9CYQ, Angus had his brother Francis of Grand Haven, Mich. up to club last month - the gang will remember him from it's boat trips. "Man-O-War" did those calendars that were brought up to club by Joyce bring out the payment of dues or did it. Paid up members were entitled to one calendar.

Fred, W9VPN, Manning was worried about Lon, W9EJH, Webb. Fred was in a round table with EJH and LWN and invited them out to his shack. EJH left without VPN knowing it to go to that ham's shack. Fred stood by for him 133 times.

Bert, W9VND, Bucey still can't remember his call or any call. He was in QSO wid a station the other nite and had to ask his XYL what the fellows

call was. What was that that Jack, W9DYN, Mueller was kidding Bert about at club? Seems it was something about remembering calls. What is your call Jack? We understand Bert Bucey must be addressed MY LORD after receiving the letter from the Mayor of Greater Oaklandon.

The initiation committee consists of Nelson, W9FOS, Trusler; Glenn, W9HUD, Montgomery and Bob Annis have arranged a very fine and impressive ceremony for this and future club initiations. Make sure your dues are paid up so that you may be one of those to join in this event.

#### APPARATUS

Lee R. Stout, 2931 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana, Telephone WA 8878 offers the following for sale: CW transmitter complete with power supply and bottles, coils for 40, 20 and 10, RME firecracker ant for 40 or 20, new Bliley 80, 40 xtals - take pick to complete this rig of 6L6 ose., 807 doubler, HF100 output up to 225 watts. Cathode modulator 6SF5, 605, 6N7, Pr. 6L6 GX abt 35 watts opt. class AB1. Make offer.

#### INFORMATION

Don't forget to send or give to the secretary of the club any information that can be used in the paper. Any suggestions will be written as is or rewritten so give just a sketch or write the entire article. Norris Knows - all this month makes a plea for more suggestions. Let's keep him going by getting tips in.

Harry Miller the SCM has sent word that Ora D. Dillard at 2318 Union St. is looking for a club to hook up with in Indianapolis. A copy of this issue of AMACHEWER together with this invitation to come on out is being sent to him. Thank you Harry and welcome to the club Ora. The address of the club - St. Clair and Olney Sts.



#### PROGRAMS

Feb. 7th - Closed meeting. Initiation and ~~Eat~~. Only club members will be permitted in the club room proper while the initiation is on. The feed following the initiation will be free to paid up members and 20¢ to non-members and <sup>and web</sup> those not in good standing. To be in good standing dues must be paid for Jan./1941. New members to be initiated consist of the following: William Greatbatch, John W. Kiser, LeRoy T. W9YMV, Waggoner, Lon, W9EJH, Webb, George R. Corey, Martin Gabriel, Don Haupt, Roland E. W9GOP, Pruitt and Eugene P. W9SRW, Sarazen.

Feb. 14th- Business meeting - postponed from the 7th.

Feb. 21st- Business meeting and ??????????????

Feb. 28th- Edgar McNay will give a demonstration and explanation of power supplies. He will show conditions in power supplies and filters by means of an oscillograph.